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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT  
SERVICES AGREEMENT 6  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute Supplemental Agreement 6 to Contract PW-12192 and set the effective date of Supplemental Agreement 6 with Freeman Alternative Resources, Inc., to provide additional construction inspection services for a not to exceed fee of \$250,000 to be financed by various funds for public works construction.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action involves awarding a supplemental agreement to an existing contract for as-needed construction inspection services and authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute and establish the effective date of the supplemental agreement.

On July 5, 2000, Synopsis 39, your Board awarded an annual contract, renewable for two additional years, to Freeman Alternative Resources, Inc. (PW-12192), to provide as-needed construction inspection services for a total annual fee not to exceed \$2,000,000. On February 13, 2001, and May 15, 2001, your Board approved supplements to this Agreement for \$750,000 each to supplement the funding for the first year of the contract. On July 12, 2001, the Director of Public Works approved an amendment to the Agreement to extend the terms of the contract for one additional year from July 13, 2001, to July 13, 2002. On March 12, 2002, the Director of Public Works approved an amendment to this Agreement for \$75,000, and on April 2, 2002, your Board approved a supplement to this agreement for \$900,000. The need for these services is greater than anticipated when the original Agreement was executed due to the large number of projects to be constructed by the Department of Public Works during the current fiscal year. Approval of the recommended action will facilitate the completion of these projects and others which will be submitted to your Board for approval in the future.

The current contract term is through July 13, 2002, but can be extended for one additional year. We have begun the process to request new proposals for services needed to accomplish our construction inspection and technical support functions.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This recommendation is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness as the contracting of these services will optimize the use of County staff and ensure the quality inspection of Public Works construction contracts.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

None.

The Supplemental Agreement will be funded by various funds for public works construction under the purview of the Department of Public Works.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard Supplemental Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The Agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, Freeman Alternative Resources, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

Freeman Alternative Resources, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

A finding of environmental impact is not required for Supplemental Consultant Services Agreements for construction inspection services.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On March 2, 2000, a Request for Proposals was issued to 28 firms from Public Works' list of qualified consultants. Twenty-one firms responded to the request. An Evaluation Committee, consisting of Public Works' civil engineering staff, evaluated the proposals. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, the Evaluation Committee recommended that contracts be entered into with seven firms, one of which was Freeman Alternative Resources, Inc.

Public Works strongly encourages the participation of Community Business Enterprises in contracting opportunities. Freeman Alternative Resources, Inc., is a CBE firm.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended action will allow Public Works to facilitate delivery of the construction of various public works construction projects previously approved or to be approved by your Board.

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return on approved copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel